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FOR ACDA DIRECTOR IKLE FROM AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD

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1. TIMETABLE YOU SUGGESTED TO SYKES--TRILATERALS WITHIN
NEXT FEW WEEKS LOOKING TOWARD ALLIANCE CONSULTATIONS
EARLY NEXT YEAR--SOUNDS ABOUT RIGHT.

2. DISCUSSION OF THIS QUESTION IN THE ALLIANCE MAY RAISE
SENSITIVE AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES. MISSION SHOULD
BE FULLY CONVERSANT WITH US (AND UK AND FRG) THINKING UNDERLYING
ANY PROPOSALS TO THE ALLIES. I WOULD WISH TO INSURE THAT
TRILATERAL PARTICIPANTS ARE FULLY INFORMED OF THE CONSULTATIONS
REQUIREMENTS INVOLVED IN DEVELOPING AN AGREED ALLIANCE APPROACH
IN NATO ON MBFR NUCLEAR ASPECTS.

3. BECAUSE OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ONE OF
THE MEMBERS OF MY STAFF DEALING WITH MBFR TO JOIN THE US TEAM IN
THE TRILATERALS. I WILL AWAIT DETAILS ON DATE, AGENDA AND
LOCATION OF MEETINGS.

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